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For: METHOD OF MEASUREMENT OF PROTEASE AND THIN MEMBRANES USED
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Sir:

The undersigned, on behalf of the petitioner, FUJI PHOTO FILM CO., LTD., represents that the petitioner, FUJI PHOTO FILM CO., LTD. is the owner of the entire right, title and interest of U.S. Application No. 09/742,296, filed on December 22, 2000 for METHOD FOR MEASURING PROTEASE ACTIVITY by virtue of an Assignment from all of the inventors thereof executed on January 31, 2001, recorded on April 24, 2001 at Reel 011730, Frame 0169, now issued as U.S. Patent 6,485,926, as well as the entire right, title and interest in the above-captioned U.S. Application No. 09/917,897 by virtue of an Assignment from all of the inventors thereof executed on October 14, 1998, recorded on February 10, 1999, at Reel 9870, Frame 0400.

Petitioner hereby certifies that the above-mentioned Assignments have been reviewed and to the best of petitioner's knowledge and belief, title is in petitioner who is seeking to take this action.

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Petitioner does not disclaim any terminal part of any patent granted on the above-captioned U.S. Application No. 09/917,897 prior to the expiration date of the full statutory term as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer of U.S. Patent 6,485,926 in the event that U.S. Patent 6,485,926 later: expires for failure to pay a maintenance fee, is held unenforceable, is found invalid, is statutorily disclaimed in whole or terminally disclaimed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(a), has all claims cancelled by a Reexamination Certificate, or is otherwise terminated prior to the expiration of its statutory term as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer, except for the separation of legal title stated above.

The undersigned whose signature and title appear below is empowered to act on behalf of petitioner.

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Respectfully submitted,

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